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September 13, 2006

George Drew Environmental Compliance Specialist Covanta Haverhill, Inc. 100 Recovery Way Haverhill, MA 01835 RE: Covanta Haverhill

Material Separation Plan 4

**Draft Approval** 

Dear Mr. Drew:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") has reviewed the draft Material Separation Plan 4 ("MSP4") for the diversion of mercury containing products from Covanta Haverhill, Inc. (the "Facility"). The Facility filed the draft MSP4 with MassDEP on July 1, 2006 pursuant to 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7) and the Department's *Material Separation Plan Guidance for Municipal Waste Combustors* issued on January 5, 2000 and modified on February 16, 2000.

The facility submitted a revised MSP4 dated August 24, 2006 in response to MassDEP's formal comments outlined in our letter dated August 4, 2006. Based on a review of the Facility's revised MSP4, MassDEP is issuing a **draft approval**. Under 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7), MassDEP will publish a notice of public comment allowing for a 30 day public comment period. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2006.

MassDEP expects to issue a final decision on the proposed MSP4 within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. MassDEP may require the Facility to modify the draft MSP4 based on comments received. Following MassDEP approval, the Facility must implement the MSP4 in accordance with the schedule described in the approved MSP.

Please contact Tina Klein, at 617-292-5704 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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